

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 12, 2002**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 11:30 AM in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:**

The following companies registered for authority to operate as telecommunications service providers in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(I17) - Intelecall Communications, Inc.

2262(J17) - Telenational Communications, Inc.

2262(K17) - 3U Telecom, Inc.

2262(L17) - Radiant telecom, Inc.

2262(M17) - Inter-Tel NetSolutions, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.

3434 - Broadview Networks, Inc.

3036 - CTC Communications Corp.

3196 - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

2426 - TCG Rhode Island

2262(P7) - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2262(X12) - Metro Teleconnect Companies

2262(V8) - Americatel Corp.

2262(O11) - CenturyTel Long Distance, Inc.

2262(O2) - NOS Communications, Inc.

2262(P2) - NOSVA Limited Partnership

2262(Q2) - Affinity Network Inc.

2262(R11) - GTC Telecom

2262(C3) - Excel Telecommunications, Inc.

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

The following companies ceased operations in RI and request that their authority to provide telecommunications services be rescinded. The Division supports the requests of:

2262(W8) - Logix Communications Corp.

2789 - Network Plus, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to rescind the registration of the company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):**

The following ICA was submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICA and recommends approval of:

3462 - ICA entered w/ Broadview NP Acquisition Corp. d/b/a Broadview Net Plus

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the ICAs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3452 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board (“PWSB”):** The Town of Cumberland filed a Motion to Intervene. PWSB filed a response indicating that it will object if the Town attempts to introduce irrelevant issues into the docket. Commissioner Racine noted that this docket was established to undertake an investigation into the delay in the selection of a vendor to construct a new water treatment plant for PWSB. Tonight the Commission will hold a hearing in the City of Pawtucket to receive public comments in this docket. Commissioner Racine moved to grant the Town’s Motion to Intervene. Intervention is to be strictly limited to issues germane to this docket. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Undocketed Matters:**

Commissioner Racine commended Ken McCarthy of the Division for his recent handling of complaints that the RI Department of Corrections had issued a memorandum to all inmates instructing them that, because of a billing dispute between Verizon and Cox Telephone, inmates whose family and friends were using Cox as their home telephone service provider would need to change to another local service provider in order to continue to receive collect calls from the inmates. Otherwise, the memorandum advised, Verizon had notified the Department of Corrections that all collect calls dialed by inmates to Cox customers would not be connected and collect service to those lines would be terminated. Mr. McCarthy followed-up with Phil Wood of Verizon and the issues were settled; collect call service to Cox telephone customers from inmates will not be terminated by Verizon. Commissioner Racine thanked Mr. Carthy for his initiative in resolving the problem and noted that his actions represent public service at its finest.

Commissioner Racine suggested that the Commission institute a policy to identify and commend in the Agency’s newsletter noteworthy examples of good public service performed by a member of the Commission’s or Division’s staff. Commissioners Gaynor and Germani expressed their wholehearted support for implementing her suggestion.

The open meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.